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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA MAY SUPPORT KOSOVO ICJ RESOLUTION AT UNGA

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Per reftel instruction, in an August 28 meeting with MFA Undersecretary for Europe Mahinder Singh, DCM solicited GOM views on Serbia's UNGA resolution to request an ICJ advisory opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence, noting that we have strong concerns about the Serbian initiative. Stating that Malaysia has "held back" on recognition of Kosovo, Mahinder said a number of EU countries had approached the GOM on this issue, but his government was still in the process of making a decision. Similarly, he indicated that the GOM was still considering its position on the ICJ resolution, but in the end "may have to go along" with it, noting that the GOM itself had taken a number of cases to the ICJ, which it held in high regard. Mahinder also offered that the Belgrade government had an understandable need to appease domestic opinion in Serbia.
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